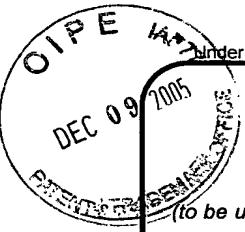


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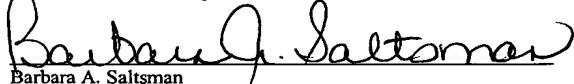
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COMMUNICATION TO RECORD SUBSTANCE OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Sir:

A telephone interview was held December 8, 2005 between Examiner Brian Le and applicants' representative George S. Blasiak to discuss the above application. The Examiner stated that the finality of the Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief of November 21, 2005 would be withdrawn on the filing of a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") to allow entry of new claims 58-71 filed in the response of November 3, 2005.

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Remarks to Accompany Filing of an RCE Dated December 9, 2005
Reply to Advisory Action Before the Filing of An Appeal Brief of November 21, 2005

Applicants' agreed to file an RCE to remove the finality of the Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief of November 21, 2005 and to allow entry of new claims 58-71 of the Amendment dated November 3, 2005.

Accordingly, in view of the above remarks, applicants believe the claims of the present application to be in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and passage to allowance of the application.

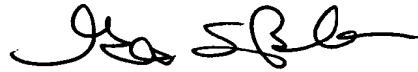
If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call applicants' representative at the phone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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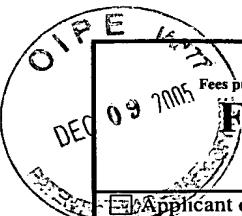


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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
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2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>
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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

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Other: Request for Continued Examination Fee (\$790) and One Month Extension of Time Fee (\$120) **\$910.00**

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